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## Santa Clara Prevails in City Place Project CEQA Challenge

Judgement Denies San Jose Petition

Santa Clara, California – November 13, 2017: On November 8, 2017, the Honorable Marie S. Weiner of the San Mateo County Superior Court issued a judgement in favor of the City of Santa Clara and Related Companies and denied City of San Jose's petition challenging the adequacy of the final environmental impact report (EIR) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the City Place Project located in Santa Clara. Santa Clara and Related maintained throughout the entire process that the environmental review of the project met all statutory environmental requirements. The judge agreed.

In June 2016, the Santa Clara City Council approved the City Place project. Located across Tasman Boulevard from Levi's® Stadium, the City Place project is a 240-acre mixed-use development that will be separated into five parcels. The largest parcel will house the City Center and the majority of the residential, entertainment, retail and restaurant space. In total, the project includes 9 million total square feet, including office, retail, housing, and entertainment. This is one of the largest projects on the west coast.

This ruling removes a significant roadblock for the progression of the project and allows it to move forward to construction.

"San Jose, like any city, certainly has a right to challenge another city's development. This ruling confirms that Santa Clara takes good planning and development seriously and validates the quality and adequacy of our environmental review. We're proud of the excellent work that City staff and the Related Companies have done on City Place. We will now work together and move forward to make it a premier mixed-use development for Santa Clara and bring high quality entertainment, retail, office, housing, and open space to this part of the South Bay" said Santa Clara Mayor Lisa M. Gillmor.

The EIR along with other project documents and detail are available on the City's website at santaclaraca.gov/cityplace.

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## **About the City of Santa Clara:**

Located at the heart of Silicon Valley about 45 miles south of San Francisco, the City of Santa Clara truly is "The Center of What's Possible." Incorporated in 1852, Santa Clara covers an area of 19.3 square miles with a population of 120,000. Santa Clara is home to an extraordinary array of high-tech companies, including Applied Materials, Hewlett-Packard, Intel, Nvidia, Oracle, and Ericsson. The City of Santa Clara is also home to Santa Clara University, California's Great America Theme Park, and Levi's® Stadium, home of the San Francisco 49ers and Super Bowl 50. For more information, go to www.SantaClaraCA.gov.